

Ga-be-nah-gewn-worice, Chippewa Indian, is dead, aged 137—he could remember the war of 1812, and was married eight times. In the whole 137 years he LIVED less than Keats lived in that one night when he read through "Chapman's Homer."

The Chippewa Indian, in his 137 years, also knew less real life than Napoleon knew in ten seconds, as he took the crown in his own hands and put it on his head.

It is how MUCH, not how LONG, you live that counts. Giant turtles on the Galapagos Islands live a thousand years, and never really live at all.

The Japanese have established a gigantic colony in Southern Brazil.

Thousands of immigrants have come in; a great, a practically impregnable Japanese seaport and coaling station is planned. The Brazilian government has withdrawn subsidies hitherto paid to Japanese immigrants and wonders how it can check the establishment of a Japanese fortified seaport on South American soil.

At the same time you read that United States fortifications at the Philippines and Guam are stopped. Those fortifications would have given this country control of the Japanese situation, as it affects this continent north and south, and that control we abandon at the requests of the Washington conference sentimentalists.

This is Japan's day. We guarantee her rights in the Pacific and she establishes herself in South America.

Home clergymen and missionaries gathered at Rockford, Ill., deplore world conditions. A missionary described "South African jungle natives concocting a home-brew so horrible that it makes them walk backwards. They make alcohol of everything."

What is the worst of it, any vegetable substance can be changed into poisonous alcohol by anybody, and that makes real prohibition difficult.

Bishop Nicholson wanted to know whether the church would make its young people into "Fatty" Arbuckles and Peggy Joyce or Sherwood Eddys and Frances Willards. The world will continue to produce a few of the "Fatty" Arbuckles and a few of the Frances Willards, and hundreds of millions of good, average human beings, neither Arbuckles nor Willards, but behaving themselves pretty well, and carrying on the drug-ery of civilization.

William W. Wood, head of the American Woolen Company, tells his thousands of employees they need fear no cut in wages, at least for this season. The class most interested in maintaining wages is not the wage-earning class, but the employing and capitalist class.

All that anybody can get is what the average man has to spend. To know the difference between labor at \$5 a day and labor at 10 cents a day, go to China and try to make money there.

Where the crowd has no money there is no money to be made. And the more the average man has, the more the exceptional man can get. Let able men remember that.

The soldiers' bonus will go through, unless some bad excuse is found at the last moment. This worries many that have money and dread taxation. Yet the bonus will increase prosperity, especially for those that are well to do.

Millions paid out will be immediately put into circulation. Soldiers that will get the bonus need the money for immediate expense. Ten days after the money is distributed it will be spent and begin doing its work in trade revival.

Russia, it is said, wanted to cut the Russian army down 50 per cent, but Trotsky, who rules the army, says, "No." You are told the "Trotsky faction" laughs at the coming Genoa conference and its suggestion. Lenin is supposed to be boss of Russia. But Trotsky is known to be boss of the army, a wonderful transition from a small room in a New York tenement house to boss of an army of a million. Power finds its place.

Lenin may live to find that in great national upheavals whoever has the army has the power. Rome knew it often; France knew it under Napoleon.

The days of real flying—kind words while—are approaching. It is said that a helicopter, flying machine that goes straight up in the air, then off at right angles, has traveled at 325 miles an hour. A German is planning scientifically, not in mere words, to cross the ocean in five hours and go around the world in two days. That will be done inside of a few years. Within twenty-five years at least flying will have overcome wind and weather.

Light rain or snow, warmer tonight; lowest temperature tonight near freezing. Friday partly cloudy, moderate winds. Temperature at 8 a. m., 27 degree.

Death Gun Believed Found In Film Slaying

THEATER WALLS BLAMED Shoots Woman, Then Ends Life

TRAGEDY CHARGED TO DRINK

Lumberman, Doomed by Heart Disease, Fires After Protracted Spree.

Crazed by drink and the thought that he did not have long to live because of heart trouble, Andrew Harper, fifty-two years old, a retired lumber man, dangerously wounded a colored woman, fired several shots at an army sergeant, and then killed himself by firing a bullet into his heart shortly before noon today. At Casualty Hospital it was said the woman will live.

From Wisconsin. Examination of Harper's effects show he was from Glidden, Wis., and that he retired from the lumber business there several months ago. He went to San Francisco, where he consulted a heart specialist and was told he could not live more than six months. He then journeyed across the continent to New York, where he was told by another specialist he would die soon.

He then came to this city and went to live at 520 Third street northwest. Since that time, according to people living at that address, he had been spending money freely on drink and had been living high.

This morning he seemed to be in high spirits and greeted James C. Tongue, a staff sergeant of the medical school when the latter returned home for lunch.

Fires at Sergeant. "Do you want this," he asked, pointing a pistol at the soldier. Without further warning, he opened fire, firing four shots at the sergeant. One of the bullets was deflected by the buckle on the soldier's belt. The others pierced his overcoat.

Harper then went to his room on the first floor and Tongue heard three or four more shots at the sergeant. One of the bullets was deflected by the buckle on the soldier's belt. The others pierced his overcoat.

She cried out that Harper had shot her.

Dies In Hospital. Policemen Reynolds and Beaver, of the Sixth precinct, heard of the shooting, and when they broke down the door, they found Harper lying across the bed with blood flowing from his heart. He and the woman were rushed to Casualty hospital, where the man died shortly after he was admitted.

In the room were several empty quart bottles, and it is the belief of the police that Harper had been drinking heavily.

When he rented the room from Mrs. Logan, he told her that he had come here "to die." He was always quiet, she said.

A letter addressed jointly to Mrs. Logan and the police was found in his trunk. The police did not reveal the contents of the missive.

SENATE TO HEAR HARDING TREATY MESSAGE FRIDAY President Harding devoted a large part of today to working on his message to the Senate which will accompany the conference treaties.

Slain Film Director's Valet, Now Sought by Police



Edward F. Sands, also known as Edward Fitz Strathmore, former valet for William Desmond Taylor, prominent movie director who was found slain in his Los Angeles home, is sought by police for questioning in connection with the crime. Sands previously had been charged by Taylor with larceny, having stolen several articles from Taylor's home.

LABOR TO WAR UPON BASEBALL WITH BOYCOTT

Over 1,000,000 Workers to Protest Landis Ruling by Staying Away.

By International News Service. CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—A gigantic boycott of professional baseball is planned for the coming season, it became known today.

The boycott will be in protest of Judge Kenesaw M. Landis' action in the Chicago building trades council wage award.

More than 1,000,000 union men of the United States will participate in the boycott, it was said.

"Oust Landis as baseball chief or bust professional baseball," is declared to be the union slogan, according to a high union official of Chicago.

Judge Landis' wage award cut the wages of thousands of men. "Everything is set," this official declared. "The boycott will be nationwide, affecting every city where major leagues play. It has been taken up by union organizations in every nook and corner of the land. The matter was not proposed by labor leaders. The idea originated in the minds of labor's rank and file."

"The boycott has been worked out and discussed. The finishing touches remain to be added."

Complete Words And Music of "LINCOLN" A Patriotic Song Dedicated to the Memory of The Martyred President. By A. Gamse.

Will Be Given Away With The Washington Times Sunday Morning This brand-new, high-class composition is especially timely and appropriate. Sunday being the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Its melody is delightful and its lyrics pay eloquent tribute to the memory of the Great Emancipator.

THANK FILM DEATH GUN IS FOUND

Weapon Found in Alley Near Taylor Home—Normand's Notes Hidden in Shoe.

Other news of the intensely interesting movie murder mystery will be found on page 3—with pictures.

By CHARLES E. HUGHES. International News Service.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—Trace of a revolver which may have been used by the slayer of William Desmond Taylor, film director, has been found, and the weapon will probably be turned over to the district attorney's office soon, it was learned today.

Found in Alley. The weapon was found by a man, whose name and address is known to investigators, in an alley near the Taylor home the day after the murder.

With a revolver which may have been used by the murderer in his possession, investigators will have the most important clue discovered since Taylor was killed.

While all eyes were centered today on an investigation begun by the district attorney's office in an effort to bring an early solution of the murder mystery, great interest was shown in the revelation that the letters and telegrams written by Mabel Normand, film actress, to Taylor have been found. They were turned over to Chief Deputy District Attorney W. C. Doran during the night and an inspection of them began today.

Keeps Contents Secret. Doran declined to make their contents public or to comment upon what was written in them.

The letters and telegrams formed a fair sized bundle.

Charles Elyton, West Coast manager of the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation, with whom Taylor had a two-year contract, stated he was at the Taylor home when the letters were found.

Attaches of the district attorney's office today are looking into the affairs of an alleged love cult, with the ways of mysterious orientalisms. The slain director is declared to have been on intimate terms with the members and to have possibly been one of the cult's followers.

Quiz Many. Every person known to be in possession of the slightest knowledge concerning the murdered film director, his life, associations or facts leading up to the slaying will be called before the District Attorney Woolwine's staff of deputies for a questioning that officers have characterized as one of "the most grueling sort."

The ablest men in Woolwine's office were assigned to the case with instructions to leave nothing undone that may lead to a solution of the crime, regardless of the prominence of persons who may be involved by the rigid investigation.

Elric stars whose faces are familiar to millions of "movie" fans all over the civilized globe will be taken to the District Attorney's office for questioning during the day or tomorrow. Persons prominent in other phases of motion-picture work also will be seen by the investigators.

Among those selected to be questioned in the District Attorney's office are Mabel Normand, Mary Miles Minter, Claire Wineland, Douglas MacLean, Neva Gerber, Howard Fellows, Taylor's chauffeur, Henry Peavey, his valet; and a large number of others whose names have not been yet linked with any phase of the investigation.

"Is there any truth to the report that the top may be blown off Hollywood," as is rumored in various newspaper offices," an attaché of District Attorney Woolwine's office was asked today.

"Possibly so," was the reply. "Of course, none of us knows what will happen, but the probe will be thorough."

It was understood that one phase of the District Attorney's investigation was the search for a "movie" man who was asked today.



California home of William Desmond Taylor, noted movie director, who was mysteriously slain while seated at a writing table. Police think a woman posed the body after the murder, tenderly placing the hands in the position in which they were found.

TOWN HAS HALF POPULATION ILL WITH INFLUENZA

Health Officer of Uniontown Threatens to Close All Public Places.

By International News Service. UNIONTOWN, Pa., Feb. 9.—Ten thousand persons, about one-half of the population of this city, are ill with influenza, according to a statement issued today by Health Officer W. C. Hall.

The situation, he said, is alarming, and he declared unless exceptionally drastic measures are taken to combat the spread of the disease the whole city will be stricken.

Some cases are mild, while others are severe, Hall declared. The mortality so far has not been as heavy as during the great epidemics here during the fall of 1918 and the winter of 1919.

Hall is contemplating the closing of every theater, school, church, and other public meeting place within the next forty-eight hours, unless conditions show immediate and decided improvement.

HARDING SIGNS FOREIGN DEBT FUNDING MEASURE

President Harding today signed the administration foreign debt funding bill.

The bill, which now becomes law, authorizes the President to proceed to the appointment of a World War Debt Commission of five members, to negotiate the terms under which the United States will collect the \$11,000,000,000 owed this Government by foreign governments.

HELD FOR BRIBING GIRL IN TEX RICKARD CASE

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Charged with bribing Nellie Gasko, thirteen years old, of Brooklyn, to withhold testimony against Tex Rickard, fight promoter, accused of assaulting three minor girls, Nathan Podd, a private detective, was remanded to the Tombs by Justice Wasservogel.

He will be arraigned on the charge, a felony, Friday afternoon. Bail was fixed at \$10,000.

After telling Acting District Attorney Ferdinand Pecora that she had met Rickard nearly every day since last summer, the Gasko girl, according to the police, declared Podd's wife had induced her to meet the detective. Podd, the police declared, paid the girl on her agreement to change her testimony against the fight promoter.

ORLANDO FAILS TO GET NEW CABINET IN ITALY

ROME, Feb. 9.—Former Premier Orlando reported to King Victor Emmanuel at 10:30 o'clock that he was unable to form a cabinet and declined to continue further efforts.

It was understood Signor Meda, a leader of the Popular party, will be asked to attempt the formation of a ministry. If he fails two alternatives were seen.

Offer of the premiership to Signor Bonomi (who resigned that office last Thursday) or dissolution of parliament, to be followed by a general election.

REAPPORTIONMENT FOR CONGRESS FORESTALLED

The possibility of the passage of a Congressional reapportionment bill at the present session of Congress practically vanished today when the House Census Committee, by a vote of eight to five, decided not to report the pending measure during the session.

The bill cannot come before the House again unless the committee is discharged from consideration of the measure, which was said to be unlikely.

DIVORCE 'RING' DRAFTING BILL WITH 'JOKER'

Scheme Is Bared to Legalize "Proctors," With Consequent Rake-off for Lawyers.

By HARVEY L. COBB. (Copyright 1922, by The Washington Times Company.)

Members of the Alexandria divorce ring today will begin their fight to save their "business" when hearings open this afternoon on the Hall anti-divorce measure in Richmond.

If the Hall measure is passed it will kill, for all time to come, the wholesale divorce business in Virginia, which has netted a fortune to members of the ring and made the Old Dominion a mecca for dissatisfied married couples.

Ring's New Plan.

Open hostility to the measure is not being voiced, but members of the ring, led by Charles Henry Smith, Virginia assemblyman from Alexandria district, who has amassed a fortune in the past three years in the divorce business, announce that they will oppose the Hall measure, substituting something better.

Such a measure, camouflaged with technical phrases and non-essentials, has been submitted by the ring leader in the legislature to the committee conducting the anti-divorce hearings.

An example of the ridiculous terms of the measure is found in its first paragraph typical of the entire bill. (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

FORD SAYS MASONRY CAUSED COLLAPSE

Steel Strong Enough, Head of Iron Works Testifies at Coroner's Inquest.

The walls of the Knickerbocker Theater and not the steel construction caused the collapse of the theater, according to testimony offered today by John H. Ford, president of the Union Iron Works, who was a witness before the coroner's jury.

Ford declared he agreed almost entirely with the report made by Col. William Kelly, U. S. A., that there were twenty-one defects in the construction of the building. He said the steel furnished by his company had nothing to do with the cave-in.

Declares Walls At Fault.

"If the steel had been made twice the strength it was, the collapse would have occurred just the same," he declared. "The collapse was the result of either the steel work slipping out of the wall or the wall slipping away from the steel work."

Ford said the Union Iron Works only contracted to furnish the steel trusses and beams and had no part in the construction.

"Our job ended when we delivered the steel at the curb," he said.

"I have seen the steel taken out of the building and I also have talked with men who have seen the steel," Ford declared. They agree with me that not in one instance did the steel fall. It held to the last.

"I would also like the jury to know that the steel was of sufficient strength to carry the 4,000-pound fan recently installed and also the amount of snow on the roof at the time. These two weights would not affect the steel in the least."

Tiles Declared Inferior.

The tiles used in the walls of the Knickerbocker were inferior, it was declared by Charles E. Fisher, of 623 L street northwest, who told the jury that he was in charge of the grading concrete work.

"I was ordered to fill the tiles with concrete," Fisher declared. "But I was unable to do so. The concrete would only go down into a portion of the tiles. Therefore the tiles were not as sound as provided for in the plans."

Fisher came on the stand after Robert H. Davis, engineer of the building inspector's office, had gone over the details in the plan and corroborated the testimony of Ford in several instances.

Ford, however, was the star witness of today. He absolved his company from all blame in connection with the roof collapse. He said he furnished all steel material, but had nothing whatever to do with the actual construction.

In answer to a question by Major Peyton Gordon, United States District Attorney, Ford declared the bracing on the steel work was sufficient adequate when it left his shop.

Criticizes Construction.

In all of his testimony, Ford indicated the blame lay on the construction—the manner in which his steel work was placed.

"I did not believe the walls were strong enough to bear up the weight of the structural iron and roof," testified Charles E. Fritts, of Mt. Rainier.

Fritts was a structural iron worker on the Knickerbocker Theater for three days. He, like J. C. Donaldson, another structural iron worker, only was employed on the building operation for three days when he was transferred by the contractor to another job.

Fritts was the first witness placed on the stand this morning. Asked by Coroner Nevitt whether he believed the walls were strong enough to hold up the structural iron work and roof of the Knickerbocker, the iron-worker declared:

"No."

"Did you feel that the walls appeared sufficiently constructed for the weight that was to be imposed on them?" Fritts was asked.

"No, sir; I did not like the walls."

"Did some of the beams rest on tiles that had not been filled with cement?"

"Some of the tiles were not filled with cement, but I do not remember"